



## SERVICE AGREEMENT

This Service Agreement (“**Agreement**”) is entered into as of the 22nd day of July 2020 between Paradigm Healthcare Services, LLC, a California Limited Liability Company (“**Paradigm**”) and Hemet Unified School District, a Local Education Agency (“**Client**”).

### RECITALS

Paradigm is engaged in the business of providing Medicaid direct service and administrative claiming services to local education agencies, local governmental agencies, school districts, County offices of education, and local education consortia within the State of California.

Client desires to retain Paradigm, and Paradigm desires to be retained by Client, to provide the services described in greater detail below.

Accordingly, in consideration of the mutual obligations undertaken herein, THE PARTIES AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

### TERMS

#### 1. *Retention.*

Client hereby retains Paradigm and grants it the exclusive right to perform the services described below subject to the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement.

#### 2. *Term.*

This Agreement shall commence on the date first set forth above and shall continue in full force and effect through June 30, 2025 (“Initial Term”) subject to the termination provisions set forth in Paragraph, “Termination.” Unless either party sends written notice to the other party at least 60 days prior to the end of the Initial Term or any subsequent term, this agreement shall automatically renew for an additional year on each July 1 following the Initial Term, subject to termination provisions herein. The phrase “Term of the Agreement” shall refer to the Initial Term and any subsequent renewal period. The phrase “Fiscal Year” as used in this Agreement shall refer to the period July 1 through June 30. The Agreement will govern activities required to be performed by either party to complete obligations undertaken under this Agreement, regardless whether those activities are to be performed during or after the Term of the Agreement.

#### 3. *Paradigm LEA Billing Services.*

##### a. Program Implementation Services.

(1) Paradigm will assist Client with all start-up documentation required by the California Department of Health Care Services (“DHCS”) to enroll Client as a Medi-Cal Provider, and establish Paradigm as the Client agent for purposes of submitting reimbursement requests under this Agreement.

(2) Paradigm will work with Client to assess program potential, establish provider and site databases for effective service tracking, and provide implementation training to Client program coordinator(s). This implementation process will be designed to identify areas of reimbursement and to facilitate an effective partnership between the Client and Paradigm.

**b. Training and Materials.**

(1) Paradigm will provide training to Client's program coordinator(s) and healthcare providers as part of the initial contract implementation and at least annually thereafter. Training will include the following subject areas: DHCS audit requirements for Client's LEA billing program; all necessary information and procedures for submitting Client billing data to Paradigm; and "best practices" to implement and maintain an optimized, audit-ready program.

(2) Paradigm will provide Client personnel with all necessary training materials including a proprietary "Coordinator's Handbook" containing a detailed review of the rules and regulations governing the LEA billing program. At Client's request Paradigm will also make available its proprietary "provider forms" for use in documenting the delivery of healthcare services (available in paper and electronic versions).

**c. Claims Preparation and Submission.**

(1) **Eligibility.** Upon the commencement of LEA Billing Services under this Agreement and quarterly thereafter during the Term of the Agreement, Paradigm will use its proprietary algorithms and know-how to determine Medi-Cal eligibility and identify Medi-Cal numbers within limits imposed by the DHCS and county governments. Eligibility match information will be retained by Paradigm and will be used solely to provide services hereunder subject to all the confidentiality provisions provided in the Agreement.

(2) **Claims Submittal.** Paradigm will make reasonable efforts to submit each LEA Medi-Cal billing claim eligible for submission pursuant to California law or regulation within thirty (30) days of receipt from Client of all information necessary for processing that claim. Paradigm will also make reasonable efforts to bill retroactive claims existing at the commencement of this Agreement so as to minimize revenue lost due to Medi-Cal's one (1) year billing limit.

(3) **Review and Resubmittal.** Paradigm will monitor the submittal and payment process, review denials, suspensions, and holds, as reported by DHCS, and make reasonable efforts to resolve any challenged Client reimbursement claim.

**d. Management Reports and Program Analysis.** Paradigm will provide Client with periodic management reports using provider, procedure, and/or site parameters. The frequency of such reports will be determined by mutual agreement of Paradigm and Client, but in any event shall occur no less frequently than quarterly.

**e. Coordination with Client.**

(1) **Information Sharing.** Paradigm will provide Client with information regarding program policy, interpretation of policy, and regulatory updates as applicable. Quarterly "Bulletins" will be provided to Client's coordinator(s) to ensure timely communication about program changes and updates to Paradigm's systems and processes.

(2) **Support.** Paradigm will provide a "Client Care Center" available for the use of Client's program coordinator(s) and accessible via toll-free phone and email. A Paradigm Help Desk will be available to Client program coordinator(s) and participants utilizing Paradigm's web-based software, accessible by toll-free phone during regular business hours and by email.

(3) **Audit and Site Visit Support.** Paradigm will provide Client personnel with training on audit requirements and program compliance. In the event of a program audit or review, Paradigm will assist in preparing for and responding to the audit to the extent permitted by DHCS and or any other auditing party.

f. **Paradigm Technologies Software.** Paradigm will make available its proprietary web-based software to assist Client in effective management of program participation, including at Client's option, the web-based Paradigm Technologies application. Note: Access to any Paradigm Technologies web-based applications requires acceptance of a separate, no-fee online Software License Agreement found at Paradigm's website.

#### **4. *Client's LEA Billing Service Obligations.***

a. **Program Coordinator(s).** Client will make available designated personnel to assist with the implementation of Paradigm's services, and coordinate with Client's individual program participants.

b. **Provider Logs.** Client will maintain complete and accurate provider logs of all healthcare services provided by Client and will return the completed logs to Paradigm at the end of each month.

c. **Student Data.** Upon commencement of the Agreement and quarterly thereafter (October 1st, December 15th, March 15th, and June 15th), Client will provide Paradigm with a computer file in a format specified by Paradigm of all student data reasonably requested by Paradigm in connection with its performance under this agreement from Client's computer systems or from the computer systems of the individual schools Client comprises.

#### **5. *Paradigm CRCS Services.***

Paradigm will prepare the annual Cost and Reimbursement Comparison Schedule ("CRCS") Workbook in accordance with the claim guidelines approved by DHCS, based on information supplied by Client for each fiscal year, in accordance with the terms of the Agreement. Client will have final approval over the CRCS Workbook submission prepared by Paradigm.

#### **6. *Client's CRCS Obligations.***

Client will submit to Paradigm, in a format specified by Paradigm, all elements needed to complete the CRCS Workbook for each provider for whom reimbursement is sought. Documentation will be submitted to Paradigm no later than sixty (60) days after the end of the Fiscal Year for which the CRCS is to be submitted.

#### **7. *Paradigm MAA Billing Services.***

All services described below will be provided in accordance with and to the extent allowed by the California Department of Health Care Services ("DHCS") Medi-Cal Administrative Activities ("MAA") Plan.

##### **a. MAA Program Consulting Services.**

(1) **Ongoing Consultation.** Paradigm will work with Client to assess program potential, and establish an optimized claim plan, which consists of review and analysis of all program participants and their fiscal eligibility. Ongoing consultation will be designed to identify areas of reimbursement and to facilitate Client's full participation in the MAA program.

(2) **Training.** Paradigm will provide training to Client's program coordinator(s). Training will include the following subject areas: DHCS audit requirements for Client's MAA program; information and procedures for submitting MAA fiscal information to Paradigm; and "best practices" to implement and maintain an optimized, audit-ready program.

(3) **Information Sharing.** Paradigm will provide Client with information regarding program policy, interpretation of policy, and regulatory updates as applicable. Quarterly "Bulletins" will be provided to Client's coordinator(s) to ensure timely communication about program changes and updates to Paradigm's systems and processes.

(4) **Program Compliance Support.** Paradigm will provide Client personnel with training on audit requirements and program compliance, and will perform "compliance reviews" to assist the Client in maintaining audit records. In the event of a program audit or review, Paradigm will assist in preparing for and responding to the audit to the extent permitted by DHCS and or any other auditing party.

(5) **Supplemental Support.** Paradigm will provide a "Client Care Center" available for the use of Client's program coordinator(s) and accessible by toll-free phone during regular business hours and by email. A Paradigm Help Desk will be available to Client program coordinator(s) and staff utilizing Paradigm's web-based software, accessible by toll-free phone during regular business hours and by email.

(6) **Paradigm Technologies.** Paradigm will make available, as applicable, its proprietary web-based software to assist Client in effective program participation. Note: Access to any Paradigm Technologies web-based applications requires acceptance of a separate, no-fee online Software License Agreement found at Paradigm's website.

**b. MAA Invoice Preparation & Submission Services.**

(1) **Medi-Cal Eligibility.** Paradigm will use its proprietary algorithms and know-how to determine Medi-Cal eligibility and identify Medi-Cal numbers within limits imposed by DHCS and County governments. Eligibility match information will be retained by Paradigm and will be used solely to provide services hereunder subject to all the confidentiality provisions provided in the Agreement.

(2) **Invoice Processing.** Paradigm will assist Client in preparing the fiscal information needed to complete the MAA invoice. Paradigm will compile all required invoice data (including the Time Survey Summary Results) provided by Client and prepare MAA invoices in accordance with the claim guidelines approved by DHCS, based on information supplied by Client for each fiscal quarter during the Term of the Agreement. Client will be afforded a reasonable opportunity to monitor Paradigm efforts, and will have final approval of the MAA invoices prior to submission by Paradigm.

(3) **Direct Charge.** Paradigm will assist Client in the calculation of direct charges, provided that Client supplies Paradigm with the information necessary to make such calculations in accordance with DHCS school-based MAA directives.

(4) **Agency Coordination.** Paradigm will coordinate the submittal of the MAA Operational Plan and MAA invoice to the County or Regional MAA Coordinator and provide information requested by regional, state and federal agencies as related to the MAA Operational Plan and invoices submitted thereunder.

(5) **Management Reports and Program Analysis.** Paradigm will provide Client with periodic management reports for the ongoing analysis of Client's MAA claims. The frequency of such reports will be determined by mutual agreement of Paradigm and Client.

(6) **Paradigm Technologies.** Paradigm will make available, as applicable, its proprietary web-based software to assist Client in effective program participation. Note: Access to any Paradigm Technologies web-based applications requires acceptance of a separate, no-fee online Software License Agreement found at Paradigm's website.

**8. Client's MAA Obligations.**

a. **Program Coordinator(s).** Client will make available designated personnel to assist with the implementation of Paradigm's services, and coordinate with Client's individual program participants.

b. **MAA Operational Plan.** Client will provide to Paradigm all pertinent information needed for developing each MAA Operational Plan in a timely manner. Client will designate individuals to serve as Paradigm contacts for the collection of such information.

c. **Official RMTS Participant Roster (TSP).** On the first day of the fiscal quarter, Client will submit to Paradigm the official RMTS participant roster (referred to as the TSP in the California State RMTS claiming plan).

d. **Time Survey Summary Results.** Client will submit to Paradigm a time survey summary report that indicates the MAA time, as certified by the regional agency, for that quarter based on the RMTS methodology, and that contains all data required for the SMAA invoice by LEA and claiming unit. This report of summarized MAA time shall be submitted to Paradigm no later than sixty (60) days after the end of the quarter for which the invoice is submitted or fifteen (15) days after the report is received by Client from its regional agency, whichever is earlier.

e. **Direct Charge Documentation.** Client will provide Paradigm with all documentation to support Client's direct charge reimbursements in accordance with DHCS school-based MAA directives. Client will submit direct charge documentation to Paradigm no later than thirty (30) days after the end of the quarter for which it will apply.

f. **MAA Invoice Submittal.** Client will submit to Paradigm all elements needed to complete the detailed MAA invoice form for the claiming unit that undertook the activities for which reimbursement is sought. Client will submit documentation to Paradigm no later than sixty (60) days after the end of the quarter for which the invoice is to be submitted.

g. **Compliance.** Client will comply with enabling legislation, regulations, administrative claiming process directives, policies, and program letters of the DHCS, as well as directives from the Lead County or Regional Agency, and with the terms of the approved MAA Operational Plan, which define allowable MAA and processes for appropriate MAA reimbursements.

h. **Student Data.** Upon commencement of the Agreement and quarterly thereafter (October 1st, December 15th, March 15th, and June 15th), Client will provide Paradigm with a computer file in a format specified by Paradigm of all student data reasonably requested by Paradigm in connection with its performance under this agreement from Client's computer systems or from the computer systems of the individual schools Client comprises.

i. **Documentation for Invoice Submittal.** Client will cooperate with Paradigm and will provide Paradigm access to all personnel and files reasonably requested by Paradigm to assist Paradigm in its performance of MAA Invoice Preparation and Submission Services hereunder.

**j. Data Processing.** Client will be responsible for the accuracy and appropriateness of all MAA information it provides to Paradigm for the preparation of MAA invoices and for compliance with all applicable laws and regulations regarding preparation of MAA invoices.

## **9. *Additional Client Obligations.***

In addition to the specific obligations set forth above, Client will take such other reasonable actions as Paradigm may request to facilitate Paradigm's provision of services under this Agreement.

## **10. *Fees and Payment Terms.***

### **a. Fees for LEA Billing Services.**

(1) **Flat Fee Per Approved Service.** Paradigm fees for Client LEA claims submitted or originating during the Term of the Agreement will consist in a flat fee for each claimed service that DHCS approves for interim reimbursement ("Interim Approved Claim"). The schedule of Paradigm flat fees for Interim Approved Claims is set forth in Appendix A subject to adjustment in accordance with the terms of Sub-paragraphs (2)-(5) following.

(2) **Sliding Scale Reduction of Paradigm Fees.** Paradigm's fees for LEA Billing Services in any Fiscal Year decrease whenever the dollar value of Client's Interim Approved Claims exceeds \$500,000 in that Fiscal Year. An additional decrease in Paradigm's fees will apply to Client's Interim Approved Claims in excess of \$1,000,000 in the same Fiscal Year. These fee reductions will apply prospectively, i.e., to LEA Billing claims receiving interim approval after an applicable threshold is reached and before the end of the Fiscal Year. The schedule of Paradigm's reduced fees at each threshold is set forth in Appendix A.

(3) **Effect of Increase in Reimbursement Rates.** In the event the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) increases or DHCS increases the reimbursement rates to Client for any LEA service claim during the Term of this Agreement, Paradigm's flat fee for such services will simultaneously and without requirement of prior notice to Client increase by the same percentage as the percentage DHCS increase.

(4) **Cap on Paradigm Fees.** Notwithstanding any other provision of this Paragraph (a) and the fee schedule set forth in Appendix A, the total fees payable to Paradigm based on Interim Approved Claims during any Fiscal Year will not exceed the following:

13.5% of the dollar value of the first \$500,000 of Interim Approved Claims;

10.8% of dollar value of Interim Approved Claims from \$500,001 to \$1,000,000; and

9% of the dollar value of Interim Approved Claims in excess of \$1,000,000.

(5) **Application of Fiscal Year Limits.** For purposes of computing Paradigm's fees, thresholds and fee caps for LEA Billing Services, the date of an Interim Approved Claim will be the warrant date of the Remittance Advice Details ("RAD") issued by DHCS granting interim approval of the claim, regardless of when the claim originates or is submitted by Paradigm to DHCS for payment, and regardless of when or whether Client is reimbursed for the claim by DHCS. Paradigm will invoice Client monthly based on Interim Approved Claims identified in DHCS RADs.

(6) **Approval of Interim Approved Claims After the Termination of the Agreement.** Nothing in this Agreement shall constitute a limitation or waiver of Paradigm's entitlement to receive fees based on Interim Approved Claims submitted pursuant to this Agreement whose date of interim approval is after the termination of this Agreement.

**b. Fees for CRCS Services.** The fee for each Fiscal Year for which CRCS services are rendered will be equal to the lesser of: (i) \$100 per employee or contractor used in the final calculation of “Net Total Personnel Costs” as reported on Worksheets A and B, or (ii) \$7,500. Paradigm will invoice Client for CRCS services on an annual basis.

**c. Fees for MAA Billing Services.**

(1) **MAA Program Consulting Services.** The fee for MAA Program Consulting Services will be \$1,000 per month. Paradigm will invoice Client on a monthly basis during the Term of the Agreement.

(2) **MAA Invoice Preparation & Submission Services.** The fee for MAA Invoice Preparation & Submission Services each fiscal quarter during the Term of the Agreement will be an amount equal to \$45 multiplied by the sum of: (i) the number of time survey participants claimed on Client’s MAA Invoice for that fiscal quarter, and (ii) the number of individuals identified as a direct charge in Client’s MAA Invoice for that fiscal quarter. Paradigm will invoice Client quarterly based on MAA payments received by Client from DHCS.

(3) The foregoing MAA fee arrangement will allow Client to recover as MAA reimbursable costs fifty percent (50%) of any fees charged by Paradigm, to the extent allowed by DHCS.

**d. Substitution of Alternative Methodology and/or Fee Terms.** In the event that any LEA Billing, CRCS, or MAA fee arrangements, or and part thereof are or become inconsistent with applicable federal or state laws or regulations, or court order, or that any time survey methodology other than Worker Log or RMTS is approved by DHCS for use by Client in determining the percentage of allowable costs for MAA reimbursement, Paradigm will on thirty (30) days written notice provide substitute fee arrangements and/or substitute time survey services consistent with applicable law regulation or court order. Any such substitute fee arrangements shall not increase the total amount Client would otherwise have been required to pay Paradigm for services under this Agreement.

**e. Late Fees.** Client will incur a late fee of two percent (2%) per month or any part thereof, or the maximum fee allowed by law, whichever is less, on any invoiced amount unpaid after sixty (60) days. The fees specified herein do not include taxes or similar surcharges, which are the sole responsibility of Client (excluding taxes on Paradigm’s gross income).

**11. Protection of Confidential Information.**

**a. Definitions.**

(1) **“Client Confidential Information”** shall mean all information in whatever form that Client provides or authorizes to be provided to Paradigm in connection with the services rendered under this Agreement and that at the time of first receipt: (i) is clearly marked “confidential” or “proprietary;” (ii) constitutes protected health information, personal information, or student or pupil information, as defined by any federal or state laws or regulations, including but not limited to the Family Education Rights Privacy Act (FERPA), 20 U.S.C. §1232g, et al., the Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA), 20 U.S.C. §1232h, the Children’s Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA), 15 U.S.C. §§6501-6506, and the California Education Code (including §49073.1); (iii) is governed by the terms of a Data Use Agreement (DUA) between Client and DHCS; (iv) is otherwise disclosed under

circumstances of confidence; or (v) reasonably should be understood by the receiving party to be confidential. Without limiting the foregoing, Client Confidential Information shall include all Client student healthcare data and other student information, and all Medi-Cal data files received by Paradigm as Client's designated custodian. Confidential Information shall not include any information that is or becomes publicly known through no fault of Paradigm, is already known by Paradigm at the time of disclosure based on information received from a source other than Client, or is rightfully received or independently developed by Paradigm after disclosure.

(2) **"Paradigm Confidential Information"** shall mean all information in whatever form that Paradigm provides or authorizes to be provided to Client in connection with the services rendered under this Agreement and that, at the time of first receipt: (i) is clearly marked "confidential" or "proprietary;" (ii) is otherwise disclosed under circumstances of confidence; or (iii) reasonably should be understood by the receiving party to be confidential. Without limiting the foregoing, Paradigm's Confidential Information shall include all business, marketing, technical, financial, customer, supplier, or other information, data entry means, processed claiming data, instructions, management reports, data file specifications, instructional materials, algorithms, software, forms, boilerplate plans, technologies, know-how related to making eligibility determinations, and data and results derived from the foregoing, except to the extent such Confidential Information is set forth in this Agreement, which is a public record.

(3) **"Confidential Information"** shall mean Client Confidential Information and Paradigm Confidential Information.

**b. Protection of Confidential Information.**

(1) Each party shall use reasonable and appropriate measures to safeguard and keep confidential all Confidential Information of the other party and shall not disclose, use, or copy any Confidential Information except as necessary to perform its obligations hereunder. Such reasonable and appropriate measures shall be no less than the measures taken by each to protect its own confidential information of a similar nature, but in any event no less than the measures governing protection, maintenance, disclosure, retention and destruction of Confidential Information subject to the terms of any DUA between Client and DHCS and any applicable federal or state laws or regulations.

(2) Paradigm represents that all its employees who work with Confidential Information provided by Client under this Agreement: (i) have received regular training in data security procedures and federal and state laws and regulations applicable thereto; (ii) have reviewed Paradigm's written data security policies and procedures; and (iii) have signed an agreement to be bound by the confidentiality terms contained in this Agreement.

(3) Each party may disclose Confidential Information of the other party to its responsible employees and independent contractors to the extent permitted by law and provided that such employees and independent contractors: (i) have a need to access such Confidential Information for purposes of fulfilling the party's obligations hereunder; (ii) have been informed of the confidentiality provisions of this Agreement; and (iii) have agreed in writing to be bound by such provisions to the same extent as the parties. Each party shall be responsible for any breach of the confidentiality provisions of this Agreement by its employees and independent contractors.

(4) Each party will promptly notify the other of any misuse, unauthorized disclosure, or unauthorized access to Confidential Information, and shall reasonably assist the other in responding to such a breach in accordance with all applicable federal and state laws and regulations. Paradigm will designate a Security Coordinator who shall serve as a first point of contact between Client and Paradigm for matters relating to the management and protection of Client Confidential Information.

**c. Ownership and Use of Client Confidential Information.** Client Confidential Information provided to Paradigm under this Agreement continues to be the property of, and under the control of, Client, and will not be used for any purpose other than the requirements of this Agreement. Without limiting the foregoing, Paradigm will not use personally identifiable student information for commercial or advertising purposes. Nothing in this Agreement shall prohibit Paradigm from using student or other Client Information with all personal identification removed for purposes of training, research, or other activities designed to enhance the services provided to Client and to other Paradigm Clients receiving LEA Billing or MAA services, provided that and to the extent such use is consistent with applicable federal and state laws and regulations.

**d. Review and Correction.** Client represents that it maintains a procedure by which parents, legal guardians, and eligible students can review student records and correct erroneous information; Paradigm does not interact directly with parents, guardians or students, but will cooperate with Client as necessary to allow for the review and correction of student records.

**e. Retention of Confidential Information.**

(1) Paradigm certifies that it will only retain Client's Confidential Information for as long a period as is reasonably necessary to fulfill its obligations under this Agreement, including compliance with DHCS audit requirements, and applicable federal and state laws and regulations. At the end of such compliance period, Paradigm in its reasonable discretion will either destroy all Client Confidential Information in a secure manner or return this Information to Client. Paradigm will confirm in writing its disposition of all Client Confidential Information within five business days of such action.

(2) Client represents that it will only retain Paradigm's Confidential Information for as long a period as is reasonably necessary to fulfill its obligations under this Agreement, including compliance with DHCS audit requirements, and applicable federal and state laws and regulations. At the end of such compliance period, Client will return this Information to Paradigm and confirm such disposition of Paradigm Confidential Information within five business days thereafter.

**f. Lawful Disclosure.** This Paragraph shall not be construed as prohibiting either party from disclosing the other's Confidential Information to the extent required by law, regulation, or court order, provided such party notifies the other party promptly after becoming aware of such obligation and permits the other party to seek a protective order or otherwise to challenge or limit such required disclosure within the time permitted by law.

**g. Statutory Compliance.** A description of Paradigm's procedures to ensure the security and confidentiality of Client Confidential Information in accordance with the terms of this Agreement and all applicable state and federal laws and regulations is incorporated by reference herein, and is available for inspection by Client upon request at Paradigm's office. The parties acknowledge that, notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, Client has taken reasonable and appropriate steps to ensure that Paradigm's current practices with respect to Client Confidential Information comply with FERPA requirements, and Client remains legally responsible for any FERPA violations that may occur in the course of Paradigm's performance of services under this Agreement. The parties also acknowledge that they have made best efforts to ensure that this Agreement complies with the requirements of California Education Code §49073.1.

**h. Continuing Obligations.** The obligations contained in this Section, "Protection of Confidential Information," shall survive for a period of twenty (20) years after the expiration or termination of this Agreement.

## **12. Accuracy of Information.**

**a. Client Efforts.** Client will make reasonable efforts to insure that the information supplied to Paradigm hereunder shall be true, complete, and accurate in all respects. Client assumes sole responsibility, and Paradigm shall have no liability, for the truth, completeness, and accuracy of all information supplied to Paradigm.

**b. Paradigm Efforts.**

(1) Paradigm shall make reasonable efforts to verify the completeness and accuracy of information underlying the claims it submits on Client's behalf. Due to the volume of data being processed from manual data entry forms and the necessity of correlating student records from several databases maintained by Paradigm, it is inevitable that some requests for reimbursement (or categories of requests or patients) will be denied or reduced due to incorrect or incomplete supporting data or healthcare insurance information. Paradigm will make reasonable efforts to minimize such denials or reductions. Client acknowledges that such denials are inherent in the LEA billing process, and will not constitute a breach of Paradigm's obligations under this Agreement. Client's sole and exclusive remedy for any such denial or reduction in reimbursement is to request that Paradigm re-bill such claims. Paradigm will determine in its sole and absolute discretion if such rebilling is reasonable and cost effective. Except as set forth in this paragraph, Paradigm shall not be liable, and Client shall have no remedy, for any denial or reduction in reimbursement to Client for healthcare or administrative services.

(2) Paradigm shall make reasonable efforts to submit all operational plans and claims made thereunder in a timely manner. However, Paradigm shall not be responsible in any way in the event that any operational plan or any claim made thereunder is submitted late or incomplete directly or indirectly because of the failure or delay by Client or its employees, students, agents or independent contractors in making all necessary information available to Paradigm, or any third party's failure or delay in submitting documentation to the DHCS.

(3) Client acknowledges that Paradigm is not providing Client with legal, medical, or healthcare information or services and that any forms, software, and other materials supplied to Client hereunder are not intended to provide legal, medical, or healthcare advice.

## **13. Limitation of Liability.**

In no event shall Paradigm be liable to Client for any incidental, indirect, consequential, special, or punitive damages arising out of or relating to this Agreement, including without limitation damages for lost reimbursements, lost healthcare services, or lost data, regardless of whether Paradigm has been advised of the possibility of such damages, and regardless of whether the claim for damages sounds in contract, tort, or other form of action. In the event Client elects not to utilize Paradigm's services to prepare its annual CRCS Workbook, or fails to make available information necessary to timely complete the Workbook, Paradigm will not be liable in any manner for resulting termination of Client from participation in the LEA Billing Option or for any resulting disallowance of Client claims. In no event shall Paradigm's total liability for damages to Client arising out of or related to this Agreement exceed the net fees paid to Paradigm hereunder during the one (1) year period preceding the date on which the first claim alleged to give rise to damages occurs, regardless of the number of claims, causes of action, or amount of the alleged losses.

## **14. Licenses and Permits.**

Client represents and warrants that: (a) it has all licenses and permits necessary or appropriate to render the medical services it currently provides to its students, and to be eligible for reimbursement from Medi-Cal; (b) Client will maintain such licenses in full force and effect during the Term of this Agreement; and (c) Client has all necessary authority, including approval by the Board of Education if necessary, to enter into this Agreement and to perform all of its obligations hereunder.

## 15. *Indemnification.*

**a. Client's Indemnification Obligations.** Client shall indemnify and hold harmless Paradigm, its managing members, employees, and agents against and from any and all liabilities, claims, demands, losses, damages, and expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees and costs (collectively "**Claims**"), to the extent arising from Client's negligence, gross negligence, or intentional misconduct in the course of Client's discharge of its obligations under this Agreement, including without limitation: (i) breach of any provisions of this Agreement by Client; (ii) failure of Client or its health care providers, to provide any service for which reimbursement is sought; (iii) failure of Client or its health care providers to perform health care or related services in accordance with any professional standards applicable thereto; (iv) failure of the Client to provide accurate Confidential Information; or (v) failure of Client or its health care providers to obtain or maintain in good standing any licenses, permits, or registrations required to render the healthcare and related services for which reimbursement is sought. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Client shall not be required to indemnify Paradigm hereunder to the extent that Paradigm is obligated to indemnify Client pursuant to the following paragraph, "Paradigm's Indemnification Obligations."

**b. Paradigm's Indemnification Obligations.** Paradigm shall indemnify and hold harmless Client, its school board, officers, directors, employees, and agents against and from any and all Claims to the extent such claims arise from Paradigm's negligence, gross negligence, or intentional misconduct in the course of performing services under this Agreement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Paradigm shall not be required to indemnify Client hereunder to the extent that Client is obligated to indemnify Paradigm pursuant to the preceding paragraph, "Client's Indemnification Obligations."

**c.** The indemnification rights set forth in this Section, "Indemnification," are conditional on the following: (i) the party seeking indemnification (each an "**Indemnified Party**") shall provide prompt written notice of any Claim as to which indemnification is sought to the party from whom indemnification is sought (the "**Indemnifying Party**"), provided, however, that failure to give such notice shall not relieve the Indemnifying Party of its obligations hereunder except to the extent that it is materially prejudiced thereby; (ii) all Indemnified Parties shall reasonably cooperate with the Indemnifying Party in the defense and settlement of the underlying Claim at no cost to the Indemnified Party; and (iii) the Indemnifying Party shall have full and exclusive authority to defend or settle the underlying Claim, provided that the Indemnifying Party shall not enter into any settlement that includes an admission of liability by the Indemnified Party or injunction against any Indemnified Party without the consent of such Indemnified Party, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed, and provided further that each Indemnified Party shall have the right to participate in such Claim with counsel of its own selection at its own expense.

## 16. *Termination.*

**a. For Cause.** Either party may terminate this Agreement upon written notice to the other party if the other party is in material breach of its obligations under this Agreement and such breach is not cured within thirty (30) days after receipt of written notice of the specific nature of such breach (or, in the case of nonpayment of fees, within fifteen (15) days after receipt of written notice). The non-

breaching party shall give its reasonable cooperation and assistance to the breaching party in any efforts made to cure such breach.

**b. Without Cause.**

(1) **Mutual Agreement.** The parties may terminate this Agreement at any time by written agreement of both parties, effective as of the date specified in such agreement.

(2) **CRCS Termination.** Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, Client may terminate Paradigm's CRCS Services by written notice sent no later than sixty (60) days prior to the end of any Fiscal Year for which the CRCS Services would otherwise be provided under this Agreement.

(3) **MAA Consulting Services Termination.** Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, Client may terminate Paradigm's MAA Consulting Services by written notice sent no later than sixty (60) days prior to the beginning of any Fiscal Year for which the MAA Consulting Services would otherwise be provided under this Agreement.

**c. Effect of Termination.** Upon the expiration or termination of this Agreement for any reason:

(1) **Payment for Services Completed.** All fees Client owes to Paradigm for services provided prior to expiration or termination shall immediately become due and payable upon receipt of an invoice from Paradigm.

(2) **Payment for Approved LEA Billing Claim Submittals.** Paradigm will prepare and submit to DHCS for reimbursement all Client LEA Billing claims arising from services provided by Client prior to termination or expiration and shall receive payment pursuant to the terms of this Agreement upon approval of such claims or part thereof by DHCS. Such claims for reimbursement shall be documented and submitted to Paradigm for submittal to DHCS within six (6) months after the earlier of expiration or termination of this Agreement.

(3) **Payment for MAA Invoice Preparation and Submission Services.** Paradigm shall prepare and submit to DHCS the MAA invoice for any quarter which has commenced as of the date of termination or expiration and shall receive payment pursuant to the terms of this Agreement upon approval and payment of the invoice or part thereof by DHCS.

(4) **Confidential Information.** Client shall, upon request, return or destroy, at Paradigm's option, all Confidential Information received from Paradigm and shall certify to Paradigm its compliance with this provision.

**d. Survival of Terms.** All provisions of this Agreement which by their express terms extend beyond expiration or termination of this Agreement or which by their nature so extend shall survive expiration or termination, including but not limited to Paragraphs: "Protection of Confidential Information," "Limitation of Liability," "Indemnification," "Termination," "Paradigm Proprietary Rights," and "Miscellaneous."

**17. *Paradigm Proprietary Rights.***

Client acknowledges and agrees that Paradigm retains all right, title, and interest, including without limitation all intellectual property rights, in and to Paradigm's Confidential Information (as defined above), and all forms, materials, submissions, and software prepared or supplied by Paradigm. Except as and to the extent otherwise provided in this Agreement, neither this Agreement nor Paradigm's performance of services under this Agreement shall give Client any ownership interest in or license to any of Paradigm's intellectual or other property.

## 18. *Miscellaneous.*

- a. Notice.** Any notice required or permitted to be given under this Agreement shall be in writing and may be delivered in person, by overnight courier, or by email if confirmed by first class mail, or sent by certified or registered mail, addressed to the other party at the address set forth on the signature page of this Agreement. Notice will be effective as of the date personally delivered, or if by email, three business days after the date of mailing of by first class mail, certified or registered mail, provided that notice received on holidays, weekends or nights will be effective at 9:00 a.m. on the next business day.
- b. Relationship.** It is intended that the relationship of Paradigm to Client shall at all times be that of an independent contractor. Nothing contained in this Agreement is intended or to be construed so as to create any partnership, joint venture, employment, agency, franchise or other representative relationship between the parties. No party hereto, or their respective officers, directors, employees, or agents shall have any express or implied right or authority to assume or create any obligations on behalf of or in the name of the other party, or to bind the other party to any contract, agreement, or undertaking with any third party.
- c. Governing Law.** This Agreement and the rights and obligations of the parties under it shall be subject to, governed by, construed, and enforced pursuant to the laws of the State of California without giving effect to any choice of law principles. Headings are for convenience only.
- d. Severability.** If any provision of this Agreement is held by a court or arbitrator to be invalid or unenforceable, the remaining portions of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect, and such court or arbitrator shall be empowered to substitute provisions similar to said provision, or other provisions, so as to provide the parties the benefits intended by said provision, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law.
- e. Arbitration.** Any dispute arising in connection with the interpretation or enforcement of this Agreement shall be resolved by compulsory binding arbitration under the auspices of and in accordance with the commercial arbitration rules of JAMS in San Francisco, California before a single arbitrator to be selected by mutual agreement of the parties or, failing such agreement, by JAMS from a list of three arbitrators proposed by each side. The decision of the arbitrator will be final and not appealable. The arbitrator shall interpret and enforce this Agreement in accordance with the laws of the State of California. The arbitrator shall be empowered to award the prevailing party any remedy available in law or equity not specifically precluded by this Agreement, including without limitation injunctive or declaratory relief, and attorneys' fees and costs.
- f. Other Remedies.** The parties acknowledge and agree that any actual or threatened misappropriation or infringement of intellectual property or breach of the confidentiality provisions of this Agreement will cause irreparable harm for which there is no adequate remedy at law, and accordingly, in addition to any other available remedies, a party may seek to enforce its rights with respect to the protection of confidential information or intellectual property hereunder through injunctive relief in any court of competent jurisdiction. In the event that any party is required to commence an action or arbitration to interpret or enforce any of the terms of this Agreement, the prevailing party shall be entitled to an award of reasonable attorneys' fees and costs.
- g. Force Majeure.** Neither party shall be liable for any delay or failure to perform its obligations hereunder (except for any obligation to pay fees) resulting from any cause beyond its reasonable control, including but not limited to acts of God, terrorism, weather, fire, explosions, floods, strikes,

work stoppages, slowdowns, industrial disputes, accidents, riots, civil disturbances, or acts of government.

**h. Entire Agreement; Amendment.** This Agreement, the online Software License Agreement, and Paradigm’s Website Policies constitute the entire agreement between Client and Paradigm, superseding all prior and contemporaneous proposals, negotiations, communications and agreements, written or oral concerning the subject matter hereof. The provisions of these agreements shall be construed to give effect to all provisions therein to the greatest extent possible. In the event of any conflict between the agreements, they shall take precedence over one another in the following order, with each agreement listed taking precedence over all listed after it: this Agreement; the online Software License Agreement; and the Website Policies. This Agreement may be amended only by an instrument in writing duly approved and signed by both parties.

**i. Assignment.** Neither party shall assign or transfer this Agreement without the consent of the other party, which shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed. Any assignment or transfer in violation hereof shall be null and void.

**j. Binding Effect.** This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their successors, assignees, and legal representatives. It creates no rights in any third parties including any individual in connection with which reimbursement is sought by Client.

**k. Counterparts.** This Agreement may be executed in any number of faxed, scanned, or original counterparts, each of which will be deemed an original, but all of which together will constitute one and the same instrument.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have caused this Agreement to be executed by duly authorized persons to be effective as set forth herein.

**PARADIGM:**  
PARADIGM HEALTHCARE SERVICES, LLC

**CLIENT:**  
HEMET UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

By:  \_\_\_\_\_  
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By: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: Constance Laflamme

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: CEO/Owner

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 4/8/2020

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Appendix A - Fees for LEA Billing Services

Service Provider	Svc Category	Interim \$s @ 50% FMAP	Paradigm's Fees		
			Rate 1	Rate 2	Rate 3
Associate Marriage and Family Therapist	Treatment	\$17.32	\$2.34	\$1.87	\$1.56
Audiologist	Assessment	\$106.20	\$14.34	\$11.47	\$9.56
Audiologist	Treatment	\$48.67	\$6.57	\$5.26	\$4.38
Counselor	Treatment	\$10.75	\$1.45	\$1.16	\$0.97
Licensed Physical Therapist	Assessment	\$126.14	\$17.03	\$13.62	\$11.35
Licensed Physical Therapist	Treatment	\$35.04	\$4.73	\$3.78	\$3.15
Licensed Physician Assistant	Assessment	\$10.75	\$1.45	\$1.16	\$0.97
Licensed Physician Assistant	Treatment	\$39.41	\$5.32	\$4.26	\$3.55
Licensed Respiratory Care Practitioner	Assessment	\$10.75	\$1.45	\$1.16	\$0.97
Licensed Respiratory Care Practitioner	Treatment	\$10.75	\$1.45	\$1.16	\$0.97
Licensed Vocational Nurse	Treatment	\$10.75	\$1.45	\$1.16	\$0.97
RN, Public Health Nurse, Certified Nurse Practitioner	Treatment	\$10.75	\$1.45	\$1.16	\$0.97
Occupational Therapist	Assessment	\$122.61	\$16.55	\$13.24	\$11.03
Occupational Therapist	Treatment	\$40.45	\$5.46	\$4.37	\$3.64
Occupational Therapist Assistant (licensed)	Treatment	\$17.95	\$2.42	\$1.94	\$1.62
Orientation and Mobility Specialist	Assessment	\$10.98	\$1.48	\$1.19	\$0.99
Orientation and Mobility Specialist	Treatment	\$10.98	\$1.48	\$1.19	\$0.99
Physical Therapist	Assessment	\$126.14	\$17.03	\$13.62	\$11.35
Physical Therapist	Treatment	\$35.04	\$4.73	\$3.78	\$3.15
Physical Therapist Assistant (licensed)	Treatment	\$15.11	\$2.04	\$1.63	\$1.36
Physician (licensed)	Treatment	\$10.75	\$1.45	\$1.16	\$0.97
Program Specialist	Treatment	\$10.75	\$1.45	\$1.16	\$0.97
Psychologist, MFT, Social Worker (licensed and credentialed)	Assessment	\$267.94	\$36.17	\$28.94	\$24.11
Psychologist, MFT, Social Worker (licensed and credentialed)	Treatment	\$40.94	\$5.53	\$4.42	\$3.68
Registered Associate Clinical Social Worker	Treatment	\$17.32	\$2.34	\$1.87	\$1.56
Registered Credentialed School Nurse	Assessment	\$72.97	\$9.85	\$7.88	\$6.57
Registered Credentialed School Nurse	Treatment	\$10.43	\$1.41	\$1.13	\$0.94
Registered Dietician	Assessment	\$10.75	\$1.45	\$1.16	\$0.97
Registered Dietician	Treatment	\$10.75	\$1.45	\$1.16	\$0.97
Speech-Language Pathology Assistant	Treatment	\$15.92	\$2.15	\$1.72	\$1.43
Speech-Language Therapist (licensed and credentialed)	Assessment	\$58.19	\$7.86	\$6.28	\$5.24
Speech-Language Therapist (licensed and credentialed)	Treatment	\$36.74	\$4.96	\$3.97	\$3.31
Trained Health Care Aide	Treatment	\$4.73	\$0.64	\$0.51	\$0.43
Transportation	Transportation	\$9.27	\$1.25	\$1.00	\$0.83
The reduced Paradigm fee schedule will apply prospectively to Interim Approved Claims after (and in the same Fiscal Year) a threshold is reached. The thresholds triggering a decrease in Paradigm fees are to the right.			Rate 1 the first \$500,000	Rate 2 \$500,001 to \$1M	Rate 3 above \$1M

\*This is the maximum federal reimbursement rate for the provider type and category of service. Not all services for the provider type are reimbursed at this rate; however, Paradigm always processes each service at its maximum reimbursement rate.